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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: A TELECOMMUNICATIONS METHOD AND SYSTEM USING
NONGEOSYNCHRONOUS SATELLITES AND IN WHICH CALLS CAN BE
HANDED OVER FROM ONE SATELLITE TO ANOTHER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that call handovers are commanded collectively for a plurality of terminals.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 4, characterized in that the handover times are distributed so that the resources used by each satellite are substantially the same.

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7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the times of